



## City Innovation Snapshot VILNIUS, Lithuania

### Overview

- ▶ **Mayor:** Remigijus Šimašius
- ▶ **Term:** 2015–2023
- ▶ **Innovation Lead:** Egle Radvile
- ▶ **Population size:** 600 000
- ▶ **Innovation / open data website:**  
<http://weare.vilnius.lt>

### What is the organisational structure?

Situated in the City Manager's office, Vilnius' Chief Technology Officer, together with around **40 staff**, is working on innovation programmes across 359 organisations throughout the city administration.

Staff skills and profiles include:

- Project Manager
- Data Scientist
- Strategic Communications
- Engineer
- Designer
- Community Engagement



### Spotlight

The city of Vilnius is encouraging every student to learn at least three languages: their mother tongue, a foreign language and the Information Technology (IT) language. The IT language covers four different areas:

1. Administration and Security (Hack): ability to understand computers' internal functioning and software management
2. Robotics and Programming: ability to understand basic device control techniques using programming languages
3. Media and Design: ability to create and apply visualisations through the user experience
4. E-sport: game control skills that enable children to develop emotional and strategic abilities, while also encouraging physical health.

### What is the city's innovation vision?

Like 50% of cities surveyed, Vilnius has no **formal innovation strategy**.

The city most closely associates innovation capacity with:

- **Human-centred design**
- **Technological innovation**

### What is the city's innovation approach?

Similar to more than half of cities surveyed, Vilnius approaches innovation capacity **both from a holistic / macro level and in specific policy areas**.

The top two priority policy areas for the city's innovation work are:

Transport /  
mobility

Education

### What innovation partnerships exist?

Vilnius has developed partnerships to **promote innovation capacity** with other public agencies, private firms, not-for-profit organisations, and city residents/resident associations.

To **improve data use**, the city has also developed data partnerships with the private sector, private philanthropy, academia and think tanks, to collect and analyse data, as well as with other cities.



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## What funding is available?

Like 19% of cities surveyed, Vilnius has **no dedicated funding** to support innovation capacity.



## How is innovation helping the city?

- ✓ Improving service delivery
- ✓ Gaining efficiency within the public sector
- ✓ Improving resident outcomes

The most critical success factors in supporting the city's innovation work are **Human Resource involvement**, a **dedicated innovation team**, a **culture of innovation within the municipal administration** and **leadership from the Mayor**.



## How is data used?

Vilnius currently **uses data** to align its budget process with its strategic priorities.

Vilnius **maintains a comprehensive data inventory** to make data more accessible and **publishes open data** to a central, public online location.



## How are outcomes measured?

Policy areas **with sufficient data** or **without sufficient data** to support innovation capacity in the city.

Transport / Mobility	Economic Development	Housing	Policing and Law Enforcement	Health
Government Finance	Waste and Sewage	Labour Market and Skills	Environment and Climate Change	Education
Culture	Social Inclusion, Equity	Public Works	Tourism	Digital Governance